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2 [Native code compilation of Erlang's bit syntax](#)

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Erlang's bit syntax caters for flexible pattern matching on bit streams (objects known as *binaries*). Binaries are nowadays heavily used in typical Erlang applications such as protocol programming, which in turn has created a need for efficient support of the basic operations on binaries. To this effect, we describe a scheme for efficient native code compilation of Erlang's bit syntax. The scheme relies on *partial translation* for avoiding code explosion, an ...

3 [Proxy compilation of dynamically loaded Java classes with MoJo](#)

Matt Newsome, Des Watson


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Interest in Java implementations for resource-constrained environments such as embedded systems has been tempered by concerns regarding its efficiency. Current native compilers for Java offer dramatic increases in efficiency, but have poor support for dynamically-loaded classes, which are typically served by slow interpreters or JIT compilers, the code-size of this latter utterly mismatching the resource constraints of the system. After a brief survey of Ahead-of-Time compilers for Java, we prese ...


Keywords: AOT, JIT, adaptive compilation, ahead-of-time, dynamic class loading, hotspot, just-in-time, native compilation, proxy compilation, remote compilation

- 4 [Java bytecode to native code translation: the caffeine prototype and preliminary results](#) 
Cheng-Hsueh A. Hsieh, John C. Gyllenhaal, Wen-mei W. Hwu
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The Java bytecode language is emerging as a software distribution standard. With major vendors committed to porting the Java run-time environment to their platforms, programs in Java bytecode are expected to run without modification on multiple platforms. These first generation run-time environments rely on an interpreter to bridge the gap between the bytecode instructions and the native hardware. This interpreter approach is sufficient for specialized applications such as Internet browsers where ...


- 5 [Adaptive code unloading for resource-constrained JVMs](#) 
Lingli Zhang, Chandra Krintz
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Compile-only JVMs for resource-constrained embedded systems have the potential for using device resources more efficiently than interpreter-only systems since compilers can produce significantly higher quality code and code can be stored and reused for future invocations. However, this additional storage requirement for reuse of native code bodies, introduces memory overhead not imposed in interpreter-based systems. In this paper, we present a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) extension for adaptive code ...


Keywords: JIT, JVM, code unloading, code-size reduction, resource-constrained devices


- 6 [Techniques for obtaining high performance in Java programs](#) 
Iffat H. Kazi, Howard H. Chen, Berdenia Stanley, David J. Lilja
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This survey describes research directions in techniques to improve the performance of programs written in the Java programming language. The standard technique for Java execution is interpretation, which provides for extensive portability of programs. A Java interpreter dynamically executes Java bytecodes, which comprise the instruction set of the Java Virtual Machine (JVM). Execution time performance of Java programs can be improved through compilation, possibly at the expense of portability ...

Keywords: Java, Java virtual machine, bytecode-to-source translators, direct compilers, dynamic compilation, interpreters, just-in-time compilers


- 7 [A high performance Erlang system](#) 
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8 Multitasking without compromise: a virtual machine evolution

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The multitasking virtual machine (called from now on simply MVM) is a modification of the Java virtual machine. It enables safe, secure, and scalable multitasking. Safety is achieved by strict isolation of application from one another. Resource control augment security by preventing some denial-of-service attacks. Improved scalability results from an aggressive application of the main design principle of MVM: share as much of the runtime as possible among applications and replicate everything el ...

Keywords: Java virtual machine, application isolation, native code execution, resource control

9 A brief history of just-in-time

John Aycock

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Software systems have been using "just-in-time" compilation (JIT) techniques since the 1960s. Broadly, JIT compilation includes any translation performed dynamically, after a program has started execution. We examine the motivation behind JIT compilation and constraints imposed on JIT compilation systems, and present a classification scheme for such systems. This classification emerges as we survey forty years of JIT work, from 1960--2000.

Keywords: Just-in-time compilation, dynamic compilation

10 A framework for efficient reuse of binary code in Java

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This paper presents a compilation framework that enables efficient sharing of executable code across distinct Java Virtual Machine (JVM) instances. High-performance JVMs rely on run-time compilation, since static compilation cannot handle many dynamic features of Java. These JVMs suffer from large memory footprints and high startup costs, which are serious problems for embedded devices (such as hand held personal digital assistants and cellular phones) and scalable servers. A recently propose ...

11 LLVA: A Low-level Virtual Instruction Set Architecture

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A virtual instruction set architecture (V-ISA) implemented via a processor-specific software translation layer can provide great flexibility to processor designers. Recent examples such as Crusoe and DAISY, however, have used existing hardware instruction sets as virtual ISAs, which complicates translation and optimization. In fact, there has been little research

on specific designs for a virtualISA for processors. This paper proposes a novel virtualISA (LLVA) and a translation strategy for implementi ...

12 Optimizing ML with run-time code generation

Peter Lee, Mark Leone

May 1996 **ACM SIGPLAN Notices , Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN 1996 conference on Programming language design and implementation**, Volume 31 Issue 5

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We describe the design and implementation of a compiler that automatically translates ordinary programs written in a subset of ML into code that generates native code at run time. Run-time code generation can make use of values and invariants that cannot be exploited at compile time, yielding code that is often superior to statically optimal code. But the cost of optimizing and generating code at run time can be prohibitive. We demonstrate how compile-time specialization can reduce the cost of r ...

13 Practicing JUDO: Java under dynamic optimizations

Michał Cierniak, Guei-Yuan Lueh, James M. Stichnoth

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A high-performance implementation of a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) consists of efficient implementation of Just-In-Time (JIT) compilation, exception handling, synchronization mechanism, and garbage collection (GC). These components are tightly coupled to achieve high performance. In this paper, we present some static and dynamic techniques implemented in the JIT compilation and exception handling of the Microprocessor Research Lab Virtual Machine (MRL VM), ...

14 Compilation and run-time systems: DELI: a new run-time control point

Giuseppe Desoli, Nikolay Mateev, Evelyn Duesterwald, Paolo Faraboschi, Joseph A. Fisher

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The Dynamic Execution Layer Interface (DELI) offers the following unique capability: it provides fine-grain control over the execution of programs, by allowing its clients to observe and optionally manipulate every single instruction---at run time---just before it runs. DELI accomplishes this by opening up an interface to the layer between the execution of software and hardware. To avoid the slowdown, DELI caches a private copy of the executed code and always runs out of its own private cache. In ...

15 Improving Java performance using hardware translation

Ramesh Radhakrishnan, Ravi Bhargava, Lizy K. John

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State of the art Java Virtual Machines with Just-In-Time (JIT) compilers make use of advanced compiler techniques, run-time profiling and adaptive compilation to improve performance. However, these techniques for alleviating performance bottlenecks are more effective in long running workloads, such as server applications. Short running Java programs, or client workloads, spend a large fraction of their execution time in compilation instead of useful execution when run using JIT compilers. In ...

16 Joeq: a virtual machine and compiler infrastructure



John Whaley

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Joeq is a virtual machine and compiler infrastructure designed to facilitate research in virtual machine technologies such as Just-In-Time and Ahead-Of-Time compilation, advanced garbage collection techniques, distributed computation, sophisticated scheduling algorithms, and advanced run time techniques. Joeq is entirely implemented in Java, leading to reliability, portability, maintainability, and efficiency. It is also language-independent, so code from any supported language can be seamlessly ...

17 Dynamic Adaptive compilation: Design, implementation and evaluation of adaptive recompilation with on-stack replacement

Stephen J. Fink, Feng Qian

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Modern virtual machines often maintain multiple compiled versions of a method. An on-stack replacement (OSR) mechanism enables a virtual machine to transfer execution between compiled versions, even while a method runs. Relying on this mechanism, the system can exploit powerful techniques to reduce compile time and code space, dynamically de-optimize code, and invalidate speculative optimizations. This paper presents a new, simple, mostly compiler-independent mechanism to transfer execution into ...

18 Object allocation and dynamic compilation in MultithreadSmalltalk


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19 Implementing jalapeño in Java

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Jalapeño is a virtual machine for Java™ servers written in Java. A running Java program involves four layers of functionality: the user code, the virtual-machine, the operating system, and the hardware. By drawing the Java / non-Java boundary below the virtual machine rather than above it, Jalapeño reduces the boundary-crossing overhead and opens up more opportunities for optimization. To get Jalapeño started, a boot image of a ...

20 Profile-guided optimization across process boundaries

Erik Johansson, Sven-Olof Nyström

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We describe a profile-driven compiler optimization technique for *inter-process optimization*, which dynamically inlines the effects of sending messages. Profiling is used to find optimization opportunities, and to dynamically trigger recompilation and optimization at run-time. We apply the optimization technique on the concurrent programming language ERLANG, letting recompilation take place in a separate ERLANG process, and taking advantage of the facilities provided by ERLANG to dynami ...

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